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A TALE OF RED ROSES



By
GEORGE
RANDOLPH
CHESTER

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CHAPTER XIX.

Molly Feels Sense of Relief.

SOMEHOW she felt a sense of
relief, of freedom, of ex-
ultation in her release from
him. It would have been wick-
ed to have entered into a lifelong
marriage with him, and now she seemed
always to have had an undercurrent
of that feeling which she had hidden
from herself. A little trace of resent-
ment rose in her that girls were taught
to look so lightly upon the marriage re-
lation that it might be entered into as
thoughtlessly, that a girl might select
her life partner because he was a good
dancer.

"I don't mind confessing that I would
in all likelihood have broken the en-
gagement, even had you not come," she
told Sledge, deciding suddenly to have
it all out, to be perfectly frank, and
for the first time to look her own self
squarely in the face. "I had realized
just at the last moment," she went on
that Bart's attitude toward our mar-
riage was not what it should be. That
does not necessarily mean, however,
that I am willing to marry you. That's
one thing you can't make me do, Mr.
Sledge," and she looked him quietly in
the eye.

He studied her a long time and felt
foolish.
"I guess not," he humbly confessed.
"I thought I could, but I got to feel
you're the boss."
She could not know how much that
admission hurt him, but she vaguely
guessed at it, and something like pity
stirred within her.
"In that I must be," she asserted. "I
thought we were going to your home,"
she added, puzzling over the out of the
way route.
"Now, yours?"
"Mine?" she returned.
"It was to be," he corrected, "the

governor's house. I bought it, furni-
ture and all. I want Waver to Paris."
"You're a continuous shock," she
laughed. "You do such big things."
"That's nothing," he sheepishly de-
nied. "Waver's sickly stiff. I got
him a big job. He didn't want to sell,
though."

Molly longed for Fern.
"I thought the governor was going
to Switzerland," she observed, won-
dering how things fell so conveniently
to Sledge's hand.

"Now, Judge Lanadale's going
there," he told her, looking moodily
ahead at the road. "You'll take me
out to the house before you go back,
won't you, Molly?"

"Who's there?" she inquired.
"Mike and the servants. They went
with the furniture."

Sledge seemed to feel no need of a
Mother Grundy, and she realized, with
a trace of approbation, that there was
a fitness in him which made decency
a matter of principle rather than of
circumstances.

"I don't mind the ride," she laughed,
feeling suddenly triumphant. After
all, she had won her battle with
Sledge and had reduced him to the
pulpy consistency all men should be
in their loves. The conquest was a
tremendous one, she smilingly thought
as she looked at him and remembered
his reputation for high handed ruth-
lessness. Somehow, however, she had
not quite the glee in her victory to
which she was entitled.

He was so obviously downcast that
she wanted to cheer him up, but she
could think of nothing to say which
would lighten the heavy gloom now
settling upon him. That failure in it-
self made her feel rather mean, and
she was not at all satisfied with her-
self when they finally drew up to the
porch of the magnificent Waver man-
sion.

Sledge alighted immediately and held
out his hand.

"You fooled me before," he charged,
"but that's off."

"It's off," she assured him in his own
language. His big hand was warm
and a solid, substantial thing to hold
to. She was glad that he liked her
so well. It was safe and comfortable
to know that.

"Good words," he approved. "Mol-
ly, you're a lady." He still held her
hand. He looked at it foolishly. He
squared his shoulders with sudden de-
ference. He kissed it. "Back to Mar-
ley's, Billy!" he directed and closed the
door of the limousine.

Billy pulled away from the porch.
She waved her hand at Sledge as they
made the turn. There was a new
droop to his shoulders as he stood
there on the stately big porch all alone
in his black Prince Albert, with a red
rose in his buttonhole, and his silk hat
in his hand. He seemed so forlorn, so
lonely, that Molly felt as if she were
leaving him on a desert island.

Around the corner of the house there
painfully limped a once white bull ter-
rier, with one eye gone and both ears
chewed to ribbons and scars crisscrossed
in every direction. Slowly, tortu-
ously, but with steady determination,
he wobbled jerkily along the path and
up the steps and rubbed his battered
old head against Sledge's leg; then lay
down with his chin on Sledge's foot.

Molly tapped him hysterically on the
window in front of her and fumbled
frantically to get it open.

"Drive back!" she called. "I want
to see Bob!"

Bob looked up at her with a distinct
grin as she alighted, and when she
stepped swiftly down and put her arm
about his neck he laid his head against
her knee and whined.

"He's crazy about you," said Sledge,
looking down at them both with hun-
gry affection. "I got a big kennel out
here for him, but he's lonesome.
There's a place for Smash too."

"Oh, they'd fight," she quickly pro-
tested.

"Not now," he returned mournfully.
"Bob's been licked."

"Then it will be safe for me to take
Bob home with me when I win him,"
Molly mischievously suggested.

"Plumb safe," Sledge bravely agreed.
"You want to take him back today?"

"Not right now, I think," she quickly
replied, with a pang of regret that she
had given him this needless hurt.

Governor Waver's former butler, a
gray haired Englishman of torturing
dignity, came out on the porch.
"I beg your pardon, sir," he said to
Sledge.

Sledge turned and looked him over
with disfavor.

"Well?" he grunted.

"Mr. Reeler is telephoning, sir. He
wishes to know if Miss Marley is
here."

"Come on, Molly," invited Sledge.
"We'll tell him. Do you like that but-
ler?" he asked as they went in the
library.

"He is a very efficient one, I believe,"
she granted.

"All right; I'll keep him," he decided.
"I did think I'd fire him and get a
wooden one. Honest, Molly, that guy
ain't human."

He picked up the telephone.

"Hello, Tommy! Yes, you bet she's
here. No, nothin' doin'." Molly wins.
Sure! Here, Molly."

Molly took the telephone, but instead
of the full voice of Tommy she heard
the eager one of Fern.

"Are you married yet, Molly?" Fern
wanted to know.

"Not yet," laughed Molly.

"I didn't think you would until Tom-
my and I got out there," she-battered.
"Oh, Molly, isn't it just great?"

"Just what do you mean is so great?"
inquired Molly.

"Oh, everything. Wait a minute." There
was a pause, and then there was
a great change in the voice of Fern.
"Tell me it isn't so, Molly. Tommy
says you're not going to marry
Sledge."

"Did you really expect me to?" asked
Molly curiously.

"Why, of course I did!" declared
Fern. "You're crazy in love with him!
You always have been. Now, haven't
you?"

"Have I?" wondered Molly, dazed
and thinking it over.

"Of course you have," insisted Fern.
"You've been dippy about him ever
since he sent out that first wagon load
of red roses, only you're too stubborn
to say so. I'm so disappointed I can't
see, Molly!"

"Why?"

"It was so romantic. Tommy's been
telling me all about it. Tommy's al-
ready got the county clerk by phone
at his home, and he's gone over to the
courthouse to get a blank marriage
license. He's probably on the way
out there now, to have you fill it in at
the house, and Judge Blake is with him
to perform the ceremony. I was going
to bring out your father in my blue car
and make Tommy run your red one."

"Have him bring Jessie," begged
Molly.

"I don't think she'll come," regret-
ted Fern. "Her folks won't let her."

"Dicky will," Molly assured her.

"Invite Dicky too. Tell him I want
him. Have him bring Smash. He likes
Dicky. And bring all my red roses!"

"Anybody else?" asked Fern, quiver-
ing with eagerness. "You can't have
Bert, you know. He's gone. He's
hustled down to the police station to
have Sledge arrested."

Both the girls laughed hilariously at
that absurd idea, while Sledge stood
by in a dumb trance.

"We'll hide him," giggled Molly. "If
we can find any place big enough. I
don't want Judge Blake, Fern. Has
Dr. Templeton gone?"

"Yes, but we can get him again,"
shrilled Fern, whose voice had been
gradually rising in pitch as she be-
came more and more excited. "He'll
do anything for me. Say, Molly, Jes-
sie's here yet, and she just tells me
that she's afraid she won't dare come
Sledge, you know."

"You tell Jessie it's all right," di-
rected Molly. "Mr. Sledge is going to
take father's company into the consul-
lation, and that will make every-
body's stock worth a hundred dollars
a share tomorrow morning, and the
West End bank can pay out its dis-
possession, and Bert can sell out his
stock and his management pack
property at a profit and go back east
and be a social leader." She turned
from the telephone a minute. "Say,
Molly," she addressed Sledge, who
obviously, stilling her disengaged hand
affectionately up on his shoulder.

"Would you object to have Dr. Tem-
pleton marry us?"

"That preacher that soaked me in
the neck?" queried Sledge. "Lord, no!"

THE END

SANTA FE BIG UN

VISIT THE VALLEY.

Carlsbad, May 26.—The superinten-
dent of the Pecos Division of the
Santa Fe railway F. J. Evans, went
north this morning after spending two
days in the Pecos valley. With Mr.
Evans yesterday were Thomas Gallah-
ry, traveling freight and passenger
agent, and A. M. Hove, publicity
agent. Stops were made at every
point between Carlsbad and Roswell
and many matters were taken up with
the people along the line during the
day.

The Pecos Division, which extends
from Pecos, Texas, by way of Clovis,
to Belen, New Mexico, is in a class by
itself. It has more variety of scenery
and industry than any other division
on the American continent. It in-
cludes valley, staked plains, and rug-
ged mountain scenery. The products
are extremely varied from the tooth
some peach to the free and easy jack
rabbit.

Every form of irrigation is found
in this division from gravity sys-
tems from stream and reservoir, artesian
wells and spring, and oil and
electrically driven pumps, raising
water from the underflow. There are
two government projects, extensive
electric pumping projects at Roswell
and Portales, community corporate,
and individuals system. The Pecos
river and its tributaries water at
least a hundred thousand acres from
 Ft. Sumner to Pecos, Texas, and there
are more thousands to come.

Up on the staked plains in Roose-
velt, Curry, and Guadalupe counties,
they produce many thousands ears of
wheat, kafir, and other forage grain
broom corn, and as side issue great
quantities of cream. There are graz-
ing areas that are dotted with high
grade cattle and sheep.

There is a bit of scenery as the
railway line slips over the divide
through Abajo into the Valley
where lazily rolls the Rio Grande
through alluvial flats it has built for
itself in a million or more years.
Back in the mountains are wonder-
ful ruins that R. E. Twitchell takes de-
light in telling about.

The variety of products is most re-
markable on this division. Every
variety of delicious fruit; every var-
iety of cereals, every thing in the
garden line; the finest beef, mutton,
pork; in short every thing in the way
of bread and meat, the great staples
of life are here produced.

Manufacturing is just starting. But
as the country settles up, and it needs
at least a hundred thousand settlers
right now, industries will naturally
come.

Being superintendent and traveling
freight agent on a division of so var-
ied interests are positions that re-
quires plenty of study.—A. M. Hove.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

(Official Publication.)

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this

17th day of May, A. D. 1916,

the Board of County Commissioners

met in special session at which meet-
ing the following proceedings were held:

Present:

Mr. C. W. Beeman, Chairman.

Mr. Whit Wright, Commissioner

from District No. 2.

A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

On the second cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00, with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the third cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the fourth cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the fifth cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the sixth cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the seventh cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the eighth cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the ninth cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the tenth cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the eleventh cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

On the twelfth cause of action for
the sum of \$3000.00 with interest at
8 per cent per annum from the 20th
day of September, 1915, and the fur-
ther sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees
and for costs of said suit and the
costs of making this sale.

The amount of said sums (exclu-
sive of costs and expenses of this
sale) with interest as provided in said
judgment and decree to the 27th day
of June, 1916, the date of the sale
hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$3,-
313.94.

R. B. Armstrong, Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. V. H. Lusk, Commissioner from
District No. 1.

It was moved and carried that the
chairman be and he is hereby author-
ized to inspect and accept the paint-
ing done by the Midland Bridge Com-
pany on the La Huerta, Carlsbad
Greene Street, and Black River bridges.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

C. W. BEEMAN,
Chairman.

A. R. O'QUINN,
County Clerk.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this

8th day of April, A. D. 1916,

the Board of County Commissioners

met in special session at which meet-
ing the following proceedings were held:

Present:

Mr. W. Beeman, Chairman.

Mr. Whit Wright, Commissioner

from District No. 2.

A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

R. B. Armstrong, Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. Whit Wright, Commissioner

from District No. 2.

The Board having visited the Lake-
wood Bridge across the Pecos River
and having found said bridge in a
very bad condition and that same can-
not be repaired, it is hereby made
the order of this Board that said
bridge be and the same is hereby
condemned. And it is further or-
dered that the lumber and salvage in
said bridge be and the same hereby
is ordered to be turned over to the
Eddy County Road Board.

It was moved and carried that the
Eddy County Road Board be and the
same is hereby ordered to place sub-
stantial barriers at each end of said
bridge and that notices be placed on
the road leading to said bridge show-
ing said bridge to be impassable.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

C. W. BEEMAN,
Chairman.

A. R. O'QUINN,
County Clerk.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this

10th day of May, A. D. 1916,

the Board of County Commissioners

met in special session at which meet-
ing the following proceedings were held:

Present:

Mr. C. W. Beeman, Chairman.

Mr. V. H. Lusk, Commissioner from
District No. 1.

A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

R. B. Armstrong, Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. V. H. Lusk, Commissioner from
District No. 1.

It having been shown to the board
by the State Engineer that the re-
pair of the Artesia bridge has been
completed and accepted by said State
Engineer and this board having on the
9th day of October, A. D. 1915, ap-
propriated out of the Bridge Special
Fund the sum of \$2500.00 to apply
upon the repair of said bridge to be
paid to the State Engineer when same
was completed and accepted by said
State Engineer, it was moved and car-
ried that the Clerk be and he is
hereby instructed to draw a warrant
payable to the State Engineer against
the Bridge Special Fund for the sum
of \$2500.00.

It having been shown to the board
that there is now in the General Road
Fund of Eddy County, New Mexico,
the sum of \$3073.41, and the Eddy
County Road Board having requested
this board to pass an order trans-
ferring the sum of \$3000.00 to the
three road districts funds, it is hereby
made the order of this board that the
treasurer be and he is hereby in-
structed to transfer from the general
road fund the sum of \$3000.00 to be
placed to the credit of the road dis-
trict as follows: \$1,000.00 to Road
District No. 1; \$1,000.00 to Road
District No. 2; and \$1,000.00 to Road
District No. 3.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

C. W. BEEMAN,
Chairman.

A. R. O'QUINN,
County Clerk.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that in Cause
No. 2378 of the Civil Docket of the
District Court of Eddy County, State
of New Mexico, wherein C. J. Mod-
berry is plaintiff and The Carlsbad
Plantation & Orchards Company, a
corporation is defendant, which is a
foreclosure of certain mortgages upon
lands hereinafter mentioned and in
which said cause final judgment was
rendered on the 19th day of February,
1916, in favor of plaintiff as follows:

On the first cause of action for the
sum of \$3000.00 with interest at 8 per
cent per annum from the 20th day
of September, 1915, and the further
sum of \$125.00 attorney's fees and costs
of suit and costs of making this sale.